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EDWIN 'TED' KEITH WISHART

Summary: Born in Subiaco in 1936, Ted talks of his memories of the suburb of Subiaco during the 1940s. He talks specifically of his grandfather's barber shop – Wishart's Barber Shop. Ted talks about memories of Subiaco- the entertainment like Subiaco Football Club and Regal Theatre, as well as it being mainly a working-class suburb. His interest in the Subiaco Football Club is the focus of this interview. During the interview Ted goes into detail about the development of the Subiaco Football Club. He talks of the history of the club, the key players and the direction of the club and the development of the Western Australian Football League (WAFL) and Australian Football League (AFL). He discusses several of the changes in AFL, such as pay, and concern over the future of WAFL with interest more on Eagles/Dockers rather than local smaller clubs. Ted also looks closely at the contribution of Subiaco football and its players to the development of the AFL.

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START OF INTERVIEW

John Bannister: This is the first taped interview with Ted Wishart in his home in Perth, Western Australia on the 11th of the 12th 2008, for the city of Subiaco Oral History Project, and the interviewer is John Bannister. Ted, could we begin the interview by you telling us your full name and where and when you were born?

**Edwin 'Ted' Keith Wishart:** Certainly. Full name Edwin Keith Wishart. I was born on the 31st of May 1936 in the hospital in Subi.

JB: Let's talk a little bit about your family background. Who were your parents?

**EW:** Yes. Okay. I was the son of William Edwin Wishart, and my mother, Lois Evelyn O'Reilly, her maiden name. And my father, he was born in Subiaco in 1900. He did his schooling at Subiaco primary school. He got an entrance to Perth Modern School, and until - - he lived in Subi until he was - - with his parents in Rokeby Road in a barber's shop. There was a house at the back of the barber's shop, until he was transferred with the Co-op, the West Australian Co-op to Quairading. He then came back to Perth, married my mother, and in 1933, and at that - - after I was born, we lived in Mount Barker until I was 6 years of age, then we moved to Nedlands, but my father's main love was the Subiaco football - - apart from his family, the Subiaco football club, and the Subiaco cricket club. And when I was 7 years of age, he took me along to my first football match. It was Subiaco versus West Perth, played at Subiaco Oval, and I can still remember the game. Subi won it by 6 goals. They haven't won many games against West Perth since, but I also remember Kim Hughes' father, Stan Hughes, was the star in that game, and he kicked 8 goals, and from then on, I've been hooked on the Subiaco football club. At that stage, we were living in Nedlands, but because of my father's love of the district, we used to visit our grandfather at the shop regularly, and from there, we'd go to Subi Oval to either watch the football club, or the cricket club. At that stage, the Subiaco football club was struggling, and actually they went from 1946 to 1959 without getting in the top 4. Over the same period, the Subiaco cricket club was starring. They won several premierships, and they provided a large number of state players for the West Australian shield side. They played in their first shield game in fact, first shield season, Subiaco had 5 players who played in the State side. Had Keith Watt, who was the most prolific batsman for Western Australia. The first batsman to score 100 in a session for the State side, there was Ken Cumming, who was also a good footballer. He opened the bowling with Charlie Puckett for Western Australia, and Tom O'Dwyer was the main spin bowler, and then you had a veteran in Alec Barras, who'd played shield cricket for Victoria and made 100. Doug Williams, Ron Sands, Tom Outridge Junior, the son of the famous Tom Outridge Senior, first Sandover medallist, and it was just - - they were just wonderful days, going along and enjoying the sport at Subi Oval. And my other recollections of Subi were living in Nedlands, at that stage, back in 1943, my father didn't have a car, and we used to catch the tram from Broadway in Nedlands, and we'd travel to Subi Oval, and the tram as people would know now, it went along - - they'd know the area, it went along Broadway, into Kings Park Road, then it

turned left into Rokeby Road, and down to the stop opposite the Subi Oval where we'd get off and go to the cricket or the football, but it was different in those days, like people would find this hard to believe, but in Rokeby Road, my grandfather's shop was down the Railway Street end of Rokeby Road, and on a Saturday, before the football, there would always be a few kids out on the road kicking a football before they went along to the football. I remember that well. And I also remember that directly opposite my grandfather's shop was the open-air cinema, one of the first open air cinemas in Perth, and just up the road was the Regal Theatre. We used to go to the movies there on a Friday night, quite often, and in the summer, we'd go to the open-air gardens, which was just down from the Regal Theatre on the opposite side of the road.

JB: West's Theatre, is that right?

EW: It was called - - it was always been called the Regal I thought.

JB: The outdoor cinema you were mentioning was -

EW: Yes, I can't remember the name of that, but it was extremely popular, and it was always hard to you know, if - - a lot of people would miss out on getting into the pictures, because in those days, it was just so popular.

JB: Well, you've obviously mentioned a lot there, and I want to go back a little way. Your family connection with Subiaco. Your father lived there, but you grandfather had, as you mentioned in passing this shop. Hairdressers shop. Tell us about that. What was the name of the hairdresser's shop?

EW: It was just Wishart's barber shop. In those days, barbers used to also sell cigarettes and tobacco, and it was just the barber shop and tobacconist, and there used to be - - he had his regular clientele of people, mainly workers, mainly labourers, would come in, and have their haircut. In those days, people used to get their hair cut more regularly, probably once a fortnight, and on my school holidays, I used to have great fun. My grandfather used to let me go into the shop and I'd sweep up the hair, keep the floor nice and clean, and it used to be very entertaining for myself. I can remember that the cost of a haircut, back in 1946, '47, was 2 shillings. At that stage, the basic wage was 5 pounds, and that related to \$10, 20 cents, 50 times, so haircut cost the person 1/50th of their weekly salary, and I actually - - I had my haircut a few weeks ago, and it brought it to my mind, because I think now the average wage was around about \$1000 a week, and my haircut cost me \$20, so 50 times, which is exactly what it was back in 46-47. And I found that quite interesting, and just shows us that the cost of living is probably about the same as it was back 20 odd years ago - - 60 odd years ago.

JB: Tell us, what was your grandfather's name?

**EW:** His name was William - -the same as my father's, William Edwin Wishart, and he came out - -his father came out from Scotland in the middle of the 19th century, and he took up residence, his barber shop, in the 1880s. And he lived there until he died in about 1948, and it was just a family home. People used to - - they didn't used to move as much in those days, and he was there for 60 years, and a well-known person in Subiaco at the time. Nowhere near as big as it is now of course, but it was great times for him, and he - - actually, on the day he died, at 84 years of age, he had cut the hair of 20 customers, and just passed out that night, and when you think about it, quite a nice way to go out, working up - - he worked on for the last day of life.

**JB:** You were mentioning Subiaco and the working-class chaps that would come into your grandfather's barber shop. My impression is that it was largely a working-class area.

**EW:** Yes. Well, from my memories of it, yes, it was, that it was a working class area, and I can remember my father telling me horror stories of the Depression in the late 20s, early 30s, and where a place like Fremantle was not badly affected, because of the industries they had there, the fishing and the wharves et cetera, and you could get a job. Subiaco was just devastated, and 40% of the population left, there were just no jobs for them, and in a roundabout way, that had a serious effect on the Subiaco football club, because they were doing quite well, they'd won the premiership in 1924, but with the Depression, all of their star players, or the majority of their star players, had to move to Melbourne to make a living, and Johnny Lennard, who was the star Subiaco footballer at the time, he'd between 1926 and 1930 had won 2 Sandover medals, been runner-up in 2 others, and he got a coaching job with South Melbourne, and he took with him Subiaco's 4 best players, and South Melbourne the following year, won their first premiership for many years, and the President and committee of South Melbourne were so impressed with what Johnny Lennard had done for them in getting - - recruiting the players to make them a power in the VFL, that they changed their nickname to the Swans, and they were called the South Melbourne Swans, and now they've gone up to Sydney, and we've all heard of the Sydney Swans, so that nickname was brought about by players who started their careers, they were Subiaco lads, who went over, Brighton Biggins of course, apart from - - he was the actual star in the premiership win. He was best on ground playing centre half forward. He was a champion at Subi, started his career there, and he then became the only West Australian ever to captain coach a VFL premiership side. He was transferred to Carlton and he captain coached them to a VFL premiership in 1938, but then his career was finished by the war. He went to war in 1939, so that's something that Subiaco can be very proud of, that they had a big effect in VFL football. And then you go later on of course, Mike Fitzpatrick, who was a champion at Subi, went over and was captain of the Carlton premiership sides in 1972 and 1973.

**JB:** We hear about Subiaco. Why Subiaco? Why that football club in particular?

**EW:** Well, I think it was brought about that you had a situation that the powerhouse of West Australian football was Fremantle, and the main reason for that was that there was no need for

their players to leave Fremantle, so East Fremantle were the absolute powerhouse at that stage, but it would have been interesting if Subi had been able to keep all their players, the boot would have been on the other foot, and it started - - it's quite interesting that when players go from one club, and the people in Victoria see how good these players are, that they go back to - - and going back to the 1930s, apart from the 4 who went to South Melbourne, there were another 8 who went to other clubs. I mean one name that springs to mind was Lou Daley, who went to Geelong, and he still holds the record for most goals on debut in the VFL. He kicked 10 goals on debut from - - in his first game. Admittedly, he had an advantage over younger Victorians, because he was already a champion footballer when he went to Victoria, and in his first game he kicked 10 goals, which is a record which still stands. And there were just so many of them, and you know, Subi were just a breeding ground for the VFL clubs, particularly in the late - - in the 1930s.

**JB:** Well, you went to your first football match during the war.

**EW:** That's correct.

**JB:** Tell us about that recollection. What do you remember of that particular occasion, going into the actual - - the ground? The atmosphere of the place? Give us an idea of a 7-year-old's view of that occasion.

**EW:** Well it was quite awesome, because it was the first time. I'd seen country football in Mount Barker, where people used to sit in cars around the boundary line, but going to Subi Oval for the first time, and the crowds back then, the war was on, so it was an under 18 competition. It was junior football, but just to go there for the first time, and see a grandstand, the old wooden grandstand, which we went and sat in, it was just a new experience, and I was hooked from then, because the atmosphere was fantastic. Australians have always been very vociferous in their barracking, and that was well and truly the case back in those days, and as I say, just had an incredible - - it made an incredible impression with me, and from then on I was - - come Saturday morning, I say Dad we've got to go to the football today, and invariably we would go, and I'll never forget that day, and I'll never forget Stan Hughes, the blonde headed full forward who that day dominated the game, and Subi won it.

**JB:** I want to talk a little bit more about Subiaco Oval and your interest in the place. Obviously, because of the, you know, the talk about what is going to happen with that particular venue current today, let's go back a little further, and talk about your childhood recollection of Subiaco a bit more. What of characters associated with your grandfather's barber shop? Do you remember specific people that would come in?

**EW:** Well, the ones that used to stand out for me, there used - - in those days, there used to be a lot of workers who would have big bushy beards, and they were extremely friendly, and one of my recollections that a few of them were very generous, and I'd be there sweeping up the floor, and

they were very talkative, and they took an interest in not only my grandfather, but the fact I was a young bloke there helping, and every now and then someone would give me sixpence as a tip, and they were just lovely people. Down-to-earth, no bad language, as we hear today from most people. The "F" word is very common. I can't remember ever hearing the "F" word from somebody in that barber's shop. And that's one thing that sticks with me, that they used the odd 'bugger' et cetera, et cetera, but the language was not as coarse as it can be today. That sticks out in my mind.

JB: Putting a location on your grandfather's barber shop, what of the other businesses around? You've mentioned the theatre.

EW: That is the only one - - that and the hotel are the only 2 places I can sort of remember.

JB: All right. Well tell us about the theatre then. You would come specifically to the theatre from Nedlands.

EW: Yes.

JB: Describe the place to us.

EW: Well, it was very neat, and in fact it hasn't changed from - - the Regal theatre hasn't changed from what it was like in the '40s, to what I've seen of it today. I haven't been inside it for quite some time. The last time I was there was probably 7, 8, 10 years ago, when I am went and watched a play with my wife there, and it was the same type of seating, and it's sort of kept its character. I assume it's been heritage listed, I don't know, I would assume it would be, and it is very similar to what it was back in the olden days. With the outdoor theatre, that's gone now. That's just gone, and - - but it's amazing how the Regal theatre has lasted, and I think of some of the theatres I used to go to, they are no longer in existence. I also used to go on school holidays, the tram ride would continue on along Hay Street into Perth, and the Piccadilly theatre, the Ambassadors, the Royal, they have all gone now, but the Regal theatre's still going.

JB: You're talking about catching the tram down Rokeby Road from Kings Park Rd and turning left. What are your recollections of Rokeby Road in the late 30s - - well in the early 40s at least.

EW: Yes. Well my recollection, there was a lot of space, you know, bush when you're driving along Rokeby Road, and down the far end, where my grandfather's shop was, that was - - there were shops along there, there were bakers, and butchers, a butcher, but the end down by Kings Park, was not - - there was a lot of vacant land. I remember that.

JB: What of your father? He had a fairly strong connection with Subiaco, and also with Perth Modern School I understand.

**EW:** Yes, he and his - his sister Myrtle, she was 3 or 4 years older than my father. She got a scholarship to Perth Modern School, and my father got a - - an entrance, and I don't know when they cut out, but there used to be every year, there used to be 50 scholarships and entrances for students who could go to Perth Modern School, which was regarded as the elite school for young scholars. And I know that my father was very proud that he'd gone to Modern School, and he did well, but he wanted to get into the Bank of New South Wales, and this will give you an idea how times have changed, and he had the credentials, but they reluctantly didn't give him a job with the Bank of New South Wales, because his father was a barber, and in those days, there was a bit of a thought that there were a lot of barbers who did a bit of SP bookmaking on the side, and although his father didn't do that, that cost him a job with the Bank of New South Wales, which was the main bank back in those days, in the '20s.

**JB:** So what career path did he then take up?

**EW:** Well he then went into the West Australian Co-op, which became Wesfarmers, and he worked - - his working life, he started in the West Australian Co-op. When he was 20, he was transferred to Quairading as number 2, at 25 years of age he got the top job at Quairading, and then he was transferred to Mount Barker, where he was the head of the Co-op down at Mount Barker. Then after the war, he got a job with Wesfarmers, because they were all tied up together, and there was something like about 50 Co-ops throughout the country, and Wesfarmers as we all know now, they were tied up with the country and farming people in particular, and so they've now become - - although they're not doing too well on the share market at the moment, but their shares have gone down from the \$44 to today I just saw them, \$16.30, but yes, so he had a long career, and he finished up as the staff manager of Wesfarmers when he retired.

**JB:** Let's talk of little bit about your interest in the Subiaco football club. Give us a little bit more information of your understanding of its history.

**EW:** Yes. Well, I've got a pretty good knowledge of the history of the Subi football club, because I was just recently on the panel that selected the team of the century, and it's a very interesting history, because Subi, when Subi got into the main league in 1901, and at that stage, the competition was dominated by Fremantle, East Fremantle in particular, and they had North Fremantle, and Subi had an horrendous start. In the first 11 years, they were last 9 times, second last twice. And then Joe Scadden, there was the Premier of Western Australia thought well this is a real challenge, and he took on the presidency of the Subiaco football club, and the first thing he did he said well, we've got to get some people who know how to play football to teach the young people of Subi, and at that stage, Phil Matson was regarded as the best footballer in Australia. In 1910, he was lauded as having almost single-handedly beaten Victoria, and he - - Scadden said we've got to get whatever it costs, we've got to get Phil Matson, which he did. Phil Matson came to Subiaco in 1912, and just lifted the place. They also got Hubba Lim, who was another South Australian who came, and the interest in football in Subi just went through the roof. And Phil

Matson was such a personality, apart from being a champion, regarded as the best footballer in Australia, he also was an absolute icon, just a marvellous athlete, because he also held the world swimming record for 200 yards breaststroke. He came to Subi, he just lifted the place, and after 5 games, Subiaco were unbeaten, and East Fremantle as usual were unbeaten, and Subi used to get 2 or 300 people back in the - - going to their games, but Matson so captured the imagination of the football public of Western Australia that there was a full round of fixtures on, and 12,500 people turned up at Subi Oval to watch Subiaco play East Fremantle, and there was a total of about 500 went to the other 2 matches, there were 6 teams at the time, went to the other 2 matches, just because Matson was playing, and East Fremantle were a bit like Subi are now. Everyone wanted to see them beaten, because they were just the dominant team. And Subiaco won that game, and the crowd - - no one had dreamt that you get 12,500 people to a football match, particularly just a club game. And that was the start. Subi won the premiership in 1912, and Matson was just a champion. And then they won the premierships in 1913, they were beaten in 1914, but then they won again in 1915. And at that stage, playing league football in 1916, 17 and 18, people were frowned upon, because there were other footballers getting killed in the World War. And so the newspapers just took no interest in football. They didn't - - all they did was print the results. They didn't - - but previously the newspapers had been full - - the newspaper had been full of the weekend's fixtures and so on, but because of the war was going on, it was ignored, and it was during that period that Matson sort of you know, just played a little bit of football, and come 1919, when the war was over, that's when football got back to its past glories, and at this stage, Matson was well into his 30s, and Subiaco decided well, we need a younger man for the coaching job, and captaincy job, and that was the worst mistake they ever made, because Matson, being an absolute champion, but also a fierce competitor, said right, I'll show you, took on the coaching job of East Perth in 1919, and then captain coached them to the next 3 premierships, 1919, 20 and 21, and then at 36 years of age, he decided that he would just do the nonplaying coaching job, and East Perth won the next 2, but then Subi came back in 1924, and won that premiership, and that, over that period of time, and we claim at Subi that he is a Subiaco player as far as West Australian football is concerned, he then went on and set this amazing coaching record with East Perth, 7 premierships in 8 seasons as a coach. And then the - - he in 1928, tragically he was coaching East Perth, and tragically killed in a car accident, but he is - - when you look through the history of football in Western Australia, there is no greater names than Phil Matson. He was an absolute legend. But getting back to Subi, they then produced the first Sandover medallist, Tom Outridge senior, and then Johnny Lennard came along and won 2 out of 2 in the space of 4 years, and Lennard and Outridge in the pre-war years, they played more state games for Western Australia than any other Western Australians, and they were the 2 icons of Western Australian football in the late 20s, 30s.

JB: Sorry continue.

**EW:** Yes, so Subiaco also had many other top players. I've mentioned Lou Daly before. Arthur Greene. He was a captain coach of Subi. He couldn't win the premiership, but he coached them to runners-up. Other players were the Penberthy brothers, Brighton Biggins, who I've mentioned, and

it was then in the 30s, after Subi had lost so many players to the eastern States they started doing a bit of recruiting themselves, and they, in 1935, they recruited Frank Murphy, who was a legend in Victoria, one of a handful of players who played in 6 consecutive grand finals for Collingwood, 4 of which they won, but when he came to Subi as captain coach unfortunately his better days were behind him, but he did get to them into a grand final, and then they had the sorrow of being beaten in the grand final by West Perth, who were coached by their previous champion in Johnny Lennard, who coached West Perth to 2 premierships, then he went on to coach Claremont to 3 in a row in 38, 39 - - 39, 40 and 41. Then of course the biggest recruit of all was in 1938, when we got Haydn Bunton senior, and he was a legend of course. He'd won 3 Brownlow medals before he came to Western Australia, regarded as the best footballer in Western Australia, and although he performed brilliantly with Subi, and they had 2 other famous recruits from Victoria in Hardiman and Shea, Les Hardiman and Keith Shea, but they couldn't perform. Although Bunton dominated, the side wasn't able to make the finals, and a lot of people, my father included, said he was such a freakish footballer that his teammates were in awe of him and virtually became spectators instead of trying to make the play themselves. They left it all to Haydn Bunton senior. And so the premiership drought, that was the start of the premiership drought. They'd won in 1924, and then we had the war, and after the war, 1946, Fred Williams, who'd played before the war, and he had actually been runner-up in the Sandover medal to Haydn Bunton, he was a marvellous player, and he had this - - Bill Alderman also a fantastic player, and Jimmy Horton, but they didn't have the depth, and they had their worst period in history, after playing - - winning the first semi-final against South Fremantle in 1946, it wasn't until 1959 that Charlie - -

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**EW:** Yes, so they went from 1946 to 1959 before they again appeared in the finals, and this was largely due to the efforts of Charlie Tyson, the South Fremantle champion, who came to the club, and he rebuilt the Subi football club. Unfortunately, they lost in '59, but from then on they had a period of being competitive without winning premierships and Charlie Tyson retired at the end of the 1960 season as coach, and 61 they were coached by the father of the famous Kevin Murray, Dan Murray. They got beaten in the preliminary final by Swans, and then Haydn Bunton, and during - - I must mention during this time they did produce one absolute outstanding footballer in Laurie Kettlewell, and to give you an idea of his prowess, in 1960, the players of all clubs gave a vote as to who was the best player in Western Australia, and all the critics, to a man, would have said that Graham Farmer was the best player in Western Australia, and we all know what a marvellous record Polly Farmer had, but the actual players voted for Laurie Kettlewell as the best player, just ahead of Graham Farmer, and he was just a marvellous player. He could play in any position on the ground. He is the only player who's played in every key position for the West Australian state side, he was so versatile. And he was an absolute champion in the '50s, and early '60s for Subi, and another player worthy of mention was Don Carter. He was the first Subiaco player, they went a period after Bill Alderman and Fred Williams, Jim Horton had retired, they went 5 years without getting a player in the state side, and they were down the bottom of the list with

Swan Districts every year, and Don Carter also gave great service. And moving on, after the early '60s, Haydn Bunton Jr came over and took on the coaching role in the late '60s and he got them into the finals in 4 seasons, but he couldn't get them to the premiership, and so he was replaced, Subi made a master stroke. Bunton finished up as coach in '72, and in 1973, they appointed Ross Smith. And every Subiaco - - not only football supporter, but every Subiaco person will never forget 1973, because it was the year that Subi broke the hoodoo, and won their first premiership for 49 years, and I'll never forget that day as long as I live. They were hundreds of supporters, you know, strong men, and 90% were just weeping unashamedly at the fact that they thought- - at that stage I was 37 years of age, and I thought that a premiership was an impossible dream and it was just amazing - - an amazing experience to be there that day, and they had some of their great players in that team. They had Austin Robertson, Peter Featherby, Mike Fitzpatrick, Cam Blakemore, Colin Williams, Fred Davenport, and it was just an amazing day. And that was the proudest day in the history of the Subi football club. I mean they've won many premierships since then, but having all those diehard supporters will never forget the day that that drought was broken, the longest drought in the history of WAFL football, and leading up to that period, there were other star players, Austin Robertson junior of course. He set goal kicking records, which still stand for Australia - - Australia wide, and 157 goals in a qualifying season, that will never, ever be broken. Bryan Sarr, he was a marvellous fullback, and the list goes on. So 1973 - - 1974 Smith continued, and they won the - - they got into the finals, but they were - - went out, and then was another horror period for the Subi football club, and one thing that happened in the early '80s, when Subiaco was struggling financially, as well as being down the bottom, and they got the biggest transfer fee ever for a player up to that stage, Gary Buckenara was a marvellous young player, and Subiaco resurrected themselves financially. They got \$260,000 for transferring Buckenara to Hawthorn in 1983 I think it was, and that got them back on the road, and they had a bit of money. And then they went back to Haydn Bunton Jr. He'd been a playing coach previously at Subi, but he'd proved himself, he dragged the bottom side in Sturt - - not Sturt, South Adelaide I think it was, he dragged them back from cellar dwellers in South Australia into a grand final, decided to come back to Western Australia, and then Subi had another golden era. They had 1985, '86, '87, '88, they contested 4 grand finals, they won 2 of them, and happy days once again and Peter Featherby was in that premiership side in '86. They were runners-up in '85, they won it in '86, which was a big year for Western Australian football, because it was the last year of the WAFL competition as we knew it, because in '87 the Eagles came into the VFL, and there were 8 Subi players in that first Eagles side, you know, players like Laurie Keen, Dwayne Lamb, the list goes on, and then WAFL football changed. But since then, that Subiaco have had the best run in their history. Bunton continued on. Got them into another 3 grand finals, '87, '88 and then '90, and then they had mixed success in the early '90s. Gary Buckenara came back and coached them in '95, and they were beaten in a grand final then, and then they slipped to bottom of the ladder in '96. Then Peter Thorne took over in '97, and in '98 they got into the finals, and they've been there ever since. I mean their previous highest run had been 4 seasons in a row getting into finals but it was 1912, '15, and then the '60s, early '70s, with Bunton, and then again Bunton in '85 to '88, but now 1998, through to last year, they've been in the finals, and the current side has now won 3 premierships in

a row, and 4 out of last 5 years, and it's worth mentioning some of the players. I mean you've now got players at Subiaco who's played in 4 premierships, which is an unbelievable achievement. Since the war, only a handful of players have done that, and there is a heap of - - some of them at Subi, there's - - you've got Mark Haynes, Mark Webber, who's captained them for the last 3 years, Chad Kossen, Darren Rumble, there's 4, there's another couple. Luke Newick. And one other whose name escapes me at the moment, but it's just been marvellous days, and Brad Smith, who's played in 3 of them, he's kicked 200 - - 2 centuries in a row which is something that hadn't been done for years in the WAFL, over 10 years since John Doritich had done it, and Subi now are enjoying marvellous times. And you had Peter Thorne, Kevin Sparkes replaced him. Couldn't get them into a grand final, but they stayed in the finals and they finished in the top 2 on 2 occasions, and then Peter German turned things around. He came there in 2003, and he rebuilt the club's attitude, he set new standards, and he had a 4 year reign where they were runners-up in 2003, won in 2004, runners-up in 2005, won in 2006, and then he went to the Dockers, replaced by Scott Waters, who's continued the good coaching, and here they are, they've now won 3 in a row, and if they win the premiership in 2009, you can say that statistically, they are the best side in West Australian football since East Perth won 5 in a row in 1919 to 1923, so - - and bear in mind that back in those days, there were 6 sides in the competition, now there are 9. So although it hasn't got the profile it used to have, there are plenty of diehards like myself who are just having a wonderful time, and enjoying Subi's current supremacy.

**JB:** Obviously gone through the whole history of the last hundred years, which is great, thank you very much. Wanting to discuss with you a couple of the major changes, obviously money in the sport. How do you see that?

**EW:** Well, I think it's obscene that a low paid player in the AFL gets more than the whole of what a team does in the WAFL now. Now people undervalue the standard of WAFL football because every year there's at least 30 or 40 AFL players play in the WAFL competition. These are mainly the players who are say players 25 to 40 in the Eagles, and 25 to 40 in the Dockers. And these players, Subiaco have no trouble, and in fact I go back to a game against East Fremantle at East Fremantle, when Subi did not have one AFL player in their ranks, and East Fremantle had 6 Dockers, and Subi beat them by 20 goals at East Fremantle Oval. And I - - apart from the money factor, the thing that disappoints me the most about football today is that when these AFL clubs recruit, they just recruit 17 and 18-year-olds. They are taking a punt. And it just doesn't make sense, because as we know, people who are bigger, and everybody's got a different time of development, and there's a lot of players in the WAFL, 21, 22, 23, playing fantastic football. Now not only at the Subi football club, and they'll never ever make the AFL, and I just think that is absolutely crazy, does not make common sense. And you go back and you think of all the champions like Polly Farmer and Peter Featherby, Gary Buckenara, who went to the VFL, and they were all in their 20s. And they became absolute champions in the VFL. And I believe that the AFL is missing out on - - would not just apply to Western Australia, because all the recruiters are the same. They are missing out on a lot of good footballers who are late developers. And that just - my mind boggles, and when you go back to just

this last draft, and Hayden Ballantyne from Peel, at 21 years of age, was the oldest player drafted, apart from the recycled players, who had been at a club and then put them - - delisted, and they put themselves in and got - - and there were several of those picked up. And I just think the AFL is missing out on a lot of good footballers. And the thing that I can't understand is the way we've copied America with the draft, and I still believe, and people say can't do it, but I cannot believe that they couldn't come to some system that had a zonal component, apart from the draft, having a zonal component, so if a lad is playing in the WAFL 24, 25 years of age, and he's doing well, I believe the Eagles or the Dockers should have the power to just to bring him in for a game when they've got injuries. I mean we saw the Eagles last year devastated with injuries, with young kids playing, who just weren't up to it, who couldn't get a kick in the WAFL, and they were playing AFL football, and that was highlighted in the grand final when Subi beat Swan Districts by 10 goals, and Swan Districts had 3 players who played the AFL football that season. But getting back to your first question, sorry going off on a tangent like that.

**JB:** That's all right.

**EW:** But the money, they have to put more money into these grassroots clubs.

**JB:** Once upon a time you played football because you enjoy playing football, and it wasn't necessarily - - and there was no money involved. It was just a gentlemanly sportsmen type thing to do. You went and played for your suburb.

**EW:** Exactly.

**JB:** That's all changed.

**EW:** That has all changed. But it has changed, and it hasn't changed, because Subiaco now, they have got the oldest side, because these boys have tasted success, and they are hanging in there. They are not worried about the money. They are just trying to put a - - to create a bit of history, which they have already created for the Subi football club. If they win next year, they create history for the WAFL competition, and that - - it's great to see that, blokes like Brad Smith, Mark Webb, Aiden Parker, David Mapplestone, Chad Cossum, they are continuing on. Alastair Pickett. And other clubs are finding it a lot harder, because their club is not having success, they go and to take the extra money in the country, whereas the Subi players, they've built up a bond and they are happy to continue on playing for Subi.

**JB:** Obviously a game - - well, people who are passionately in sport - - you know, passionate about their sport, but it does affect a whole family, it affects a community. Explain to me the sort of passion involved in watching the suburb's team performing.

**EW:** Well, it's just, as you say, it's fantastic. Just to go through our family, my father as a young

8-year-old, he started going, following, because you just walk up the road to Subi Oval and go to the league matches, and he was fortunate enough to see the likes of Phil Matson play and he saw all - - he saw the Subi premiership sides in '12, '13 and '15. He was extremely passionate, and that passion has - - I have followed in his footsteps, and the whole family, I mean I've got 2 sons who also go to all the games, if they can. They hardly miss a game. And we've got a 2-year old, an 18 months old grandson, who actually - - he doesn't know what's going on of course, but he will continue the family tradition, and there are plenty of families like that in all the WAFL clubs, and it's just grassroots football at its best, like I'll be - - I enjoy watching the AFL, but the Eagles or Dockers get beaten and I just - - I forget it in 5 minutes. If Subi loses a game, it takes me all week to get over it.

**JB:** That's right. I think you are talking about you are talking about the Subiaco football club. I mean you wouldn't get hundreds of people going down to the Subiaco badminton association or something, why not? You know, what is it about having this Subiaco football club whack bang in the middle of the suburb?

**EW:** Yes, well that right. I mean you think back not only Subi, but the rivalry. I mean the 2 biggest rivalries are East Fremantle-South Fremantle, and I can remember, because they always used to have a derby on the only standout one game, on a Foundation Day weekend, and I've been to a lot of those, and you could get locked out. I mean the crowds were just absolutely enormous. And also, East Perth and West Perth. I can remember when Subi had played on the Saturday going to an East Perth-West Perth game at Perth Oval, and there were 30,000. You just absolute - - and a lot of that has continued on. My only thing I worry about is that going to the WAFL now, it's mainly elder people like myself, and the passion lives on, and in my case, my family's continuing on, but I think unfortunately that is dying out, and I worry about where the WAFL will be in 20 years time.

**JB:** Possibly we can discuss that, but sportsmanship in - - not only in the game and the players, but you know, you are watching the crowds going wild, literally sort of, I mean that's something that my impression wouldn't have happened in the good old days as those say, in inverted commas.

**EW:** Yes, there is still very passionate scenes, the umpires of course, they are always - quite often they need to be escorted off the field, and there was a game Subi and East Perth last year where an East Perth supporter ran onto the ground and attacked Brad Smith, and as you quite rightly say, there's a tremendous - - you can go to any WAFL ground and you'll see plenty of raw passion on show at any football match still, but the crowds are now about round the 2000 mark. Whereas when I first started going crowds were around the 10,000 mark, but the people who go are the real passionate ones, and it's very easy to get into an argument at the football.

**JB:** You were involved in putting the team of the century together. Who was in that team and why?

**EW:** Right.

**JB:** Or who is in that team and why?

**EW:** Okay. Right. Well, just to go through the team, going from the back line, was Dwayne Lamb, he started at Subi. The criteria for - - first of all, the criteria for picking this team of the century was that they had to have either started - - if they started at Subi, and then went to the Eagles or the Dockers, that just counted, or to another VFL side, that just counted as though they were Subi players. All they achieved. Going the other way, if they came to Subi, what they'd done before they got to Subi was virtually overlooked. They had to do something at Subi to justify their selection, so that was the - and the best way to illustrate that was that Dean Kemp, who was in the team of the century on the wing, he played 23 games for Subi, and then went to the Eagles and played 242. So that counted as though it was Subi all the time. Frank Murphy on the other hand, he played 200 games for Collingwood, an absolute champion, Victorian champion, and he came to Subi at the end of his career, and was just an adequate player in '35, '36 and '37. Didn't win a fairest and best, didn't make the stateside, so he was discounted. What he'd done previously to coming to Subi didn't count. Now - - and just going through the side. Dwayne Lamb, he was in the back pocket, and Dwayne started at Subi, won a couple of fairest and best there, and then became a champion at the West Coast Eagles. He's picked - - the Eagles picked their team, best ever team in 2006, Dwayne Lamb was a member of that side. Fullback, Brian Sarr, anyone who saw Brian Sarr play football will never forget his kicking. I mean he was awesome. His kicking out - -his long drop kick goals, and why they got rid of the drop kick goal, because nowadays, they feed it out to a bloke in a back pocket, another 3 kicks and they get it to where Brian Sarr sent it with one kick. He was measured - - he did a kick of 87 yards 1 foot, and he was an automatic selection at fullback. In the other back pocket was Lou Daley, who was a Sandover medallist, and champion over in Victoria as well. He took the back pocket spot, but he could be moved anywhere on the ground. The halfback line, Laurie Kettlewell, I mentioned him before, absolute star, could play anywhere, so we put him on a halfback flank. Centre halfback, Brighton Biggins, regarded by the Victorians in 1930 as the best big man in football at the 1930 carnival. Captain coached Carlton to a premiership. He played - - he was put in at centre halfback, but he could play ruck, centre halfback, centre half forward. Then on the other halfback flank was Billy Faul. I should have mentioned him along the way. He was runner-up to Haydn Bunton for the Sandover medal, and - - sorry, he was runner-up to Johnny Lennard for the Sandover medal. Runner-up to Haydn Bunton in his first year playing for South Melbourne in the Brownlow medal. He was picked in the Sydney Swans team of the century, so he was a - -an automatic choice you might say for the other halfback flank. In the centre line, Snowy Hamilton. He came to Subi from South Australia, and starred for Subi in their 1924 premiership win. Fantastic player. Regarded as the second best footballer to Haydn Bunton in his era. And he was on the wing. Peter Featherby, a centre man, marvellous player, fairest and best at Subi. Went to Victoria, became the first player in the VFL to get 50 possessions in one game. Was later - - his record was later beaten by Greg Williams, but he was just a prolific ball winner, go all day, marvellous player. Dean Kemp, who I've just mentioned, regarded as one of the 4 best Eagles

player, he was in the Eagles best ever side. He was on the wing. The half forward line was George Young, a marvellously talented player, made the All-Australian side, before he went to St Kilda, in 4 consecutive years in St Kilda as a roaming half forward and round the forward line, he topped their goal kicking, he was an absolute legend for the St Kilda football club. So he qualified. What he did at St Kilda went a long way to getting him in that position. Centre half forward, the incomparable Phil Mattson. We've spoken about him, and he was a champ, absolute champion, and then of course the other player we've mentioned Gary Buckenara on the half forward flank. He was in the Hawthorne team of the century, and now also in the Subi team of the century. Forward line, the only player from the modern era that we could unfortunately fit in Ali Pickett, but Peter German, who coached Ali Pickett also played with Phil Krakaouer who is regarded as a star player, and Peter German is on record as saying that Phil Pickett - - Alistair Pickett is a better player than Jimmy Krakaouer, and you just marvelled at his skill. He's 36 years of age, and he's still the fastest player in the WAFL. He is just electrifying, and he turns games on their head in 10 minutes. Marvellous kick and beautiful stab pass to Brad Smith, so he was in the forward pocket. Full forward of course the incomparable Austin Robertson Junior, absolute legend, still holds the record which will never be beaten, 157 goals in a season. 7 times kick 100 goals for Subi. Then in the other forward pocket, Tom Outridge, who was regarded, with Johnny Lennard, they were regarded as the best ruck rover combination in Australian football when they were at their peak. He's in the forward pocket. First ruck man, Mike Fitzpatrick, he's in the Carlton team of the century. Absolute legend, now he runs the AFL. Then ruck rover of course, Haydn Bunton senior - - 6 - - 3 Sandovers, 3 Brownlows medallists, no player will ever equal that achievement, and the rover, Johnny Lennard, and we've spoken about his freakish ability, and then the interchange, that was the hard part, but Laurie Keane, fitting to mention him, he holds the record for a forward pocket ruck man, he kicked 78 goals in a season, and that's never been done by anyone else in the WAFL or the VFL, or the SANFL. He was just a marvellous goal kicking ruck man. Then the other interchange players, Drew Banfield could play anywhere on the ground, he was also selected in the West Coast Eagles best side. Fred Williams, he was an absolute genius, could play anywhere on the ground, and he was in the - - and then the fourth interchange was Brett Hedding who -he's also in the West Coast best ever team and he was a marvellous half forward flanker for Subi. Had the ability to - - the thing I remember about Brett Hedding, for Subi and the West Coast Eagles, his ability to out-mark players 3 or 4 inches taller than him, and a great goal kicker for the West Coast. He is regarded as the best half forward flanker the West Coast have had. So a marvellous side. What can you say? I mean as I mentioned earlier, Subi did it differently to the other clubs. What they've done in the AFL or the VFL was counted, so I don't think - -I've seen some of the other clubs, and I don't think any other club has picked a side as good as that. I'm biased, of course.

**JB:** Obviously, given your 60 odd years of interest in the game, is there a player that sticks out that you've seen playing for Subi that you say stands above the rest?

**EW:** Well unfortunately, I didn't see the players pre-war, but when we sat down, myself and the other selectors, we came - - we picked the Lion of the Century, so what we did, we picked the Lion

before the war who was Johnny Lennard, who we've discussed, and after plenty of the debate, we couldn't go past Laurie Kettlewell, just because he played at a time when Subi was struggling, he always gave 100% and he was a brilliant exponent of the drop kick. Now of all the players, I've never seen a player in the VFL, AFL who could kick both feet like Kettlewell, and I can still remember, I can still picture seeing him kick 4 goals in a quarter at the WACA, 2 right foot drop kick goals on the run, and 2 left foot drop kick goals on the run, all would have been outside the 50 metre arc as we see it today, and for talent, I'd have to say, I agree with the other panellists he was the best Subi footballer I've ever seen.

JB: What's happened to the drop kick?

EW: Well, it's just been taken out of the game. I am just -- as I mentioned before, with Brian Sarr, when you -- I mean, there's no reason, if Brian Sarr could drop kick the ball and 87 yards, that would be around about the 80 metres, surely these full-time professional footballers could be coached, and some of them would be able to do that, and surely someone kicking out from goal, they can -- they spend so much time setting up strategy, surely they could come up with a strategy to take advantage of someone who could kick the ball that far, and that's the one area, when you go back, with the distance kicking, they can't kick the ball as far as they used to kick it in the early 1900s. And that's just a fact of life, so why they don't -- why they've got rid of it is beyond me. And the other thing, like Laurie Kettlewell could kick goals from outside 50, and in the VFL today, they very -- they sort of -- they crowd the 50 metre arc, and they let players take possession 65 metres out with little chip kicks. Now if players could drop kick goals from that position, it would make a huge difference. I mean we only go back that -- I don't know whether you saw it, but when Malcolm Blight kicked that 70 metre goal with a torpedo punt, and that's the other kick that's gone out of it, with so much time on their hands, why don't they teach players to kick the torpedo punt and the drop kick, not to use in general play, but just for certain strategies, to give the ball to someone who can kick a torpedo punt goal from 70 metres out, or drop kick goal. As I say, I'm old-fashioned, I realise that, the game's changed, but getting rid of the drop kick and the torpedo punt doesn't make sense to me.

JB: What of the sort of political discussions happening about the Subiaco football Oval?

EW: Yes.

JB: How you feel about the ground, the talk of it being altered? Obviously seeing these huge changes that you've seen during your period.

EW: Well I realise that you know, once Western Australia got into the VFL, now AFL, and they had West Coast first followed by the Dockers, that changes had to be made and initially I was against them, you know, we'll have to move, et cetera, et cetera, but the best thing that's happened to the Subi football club has been moving to what used to be Leederville Oval, because

Subiaco Oval, you just got lost at Subi Oval, whereas now the club we've got our fill up the full members area, it's jam packed every game now, it's a smaller oval, and the crowd is - - gets together, but when we were at Subi Oval, we were just lost. And you wouldn't have - - it was - - so from that point of view, good. Politically, I think it would be good if the government could bite the bullet and build a new stadium, but having said that, now is not the time with the economic climate as it is today. They've got to wait, in my opinion, and I'd rather see them, rather than refurbish Subi Oval, because when you go to Subi Oval, and I'm not overweight, you are crammed in like sardines at these games, they need something. You go over to Melbourne, to the MCG and Telstra Dome, and you're comfortable in your seats. You're not comfortable in your seats at Subi, so I would like to, if it's 10 years, 15 years down the track, I'd like to see a new stadium. But I realise that they can't do it now, with all the other problems with health, et cetera.

JB: You've had misgivings about the future for WAFL. What are those concerns?

**EW:** Well, the fact that people now, young people, unless their parents are passionate about WAFL, they don't know the WAFL exists. They are either an Eagles or a Docker. And it starts, this passion for football club starts at 6 or 7 years of age, and I see that just gradually stopping, and, because when the young kids now, you see them wearing Eagles or Dockers guernseys, I go to a supermarket and I see little kids in Eagles and Dockers Guernseys, I don't see them in the club Guernseys. Now when I was a young boy, I had my Subiaco football guernsey, and all my mates, if they were Claremont, or whoever, everyone had the guernsey of one of the clubs. Now that's disappeared. I think that's the starting- - that's what worries me, that these young kids no longer have the passion for the - - because they watch TV and it's all - - you never see the - - apart from Saturday afternoon, when channel 2 do a great job telecasting the local competition, young kids are force fed the Eagles Dockers, and for that reason I'm very worried about, unless changes are made, and that's why I believe these people, if they sit down at the top, and say right, now the best way to overcome that would be have a zonal component in the AFL, so the kids knew then that the pathway was first of all the local club, which it is to a certain extent, but you've got to have a situation where players who are 23, 24, can get picked. I mean imagine if your cricket side said oh, no, we can't play Joe Bloggs, even though he's made 500 in a row, he's not contracted, so we can't play him. To me that's - -

JB: See, another thing, it wasn't all that long ago you were seeing cricket on the Subiaco- - what is now the Subiaco stadium - -

**EW:** Yes.

JB: What are your recollections of the cricket and the importance of that sport to the Subiaco area?

**EW:** Well, that was enormous. I mean you had a situation, when I was - - like I'll never forget the

day I was a young boy, and after the war, when some of these stars like Dave Watt came back, and he played his first club game for Subi after the war, and you couldn't get a seat at Subi oval. There were 10,000 people at the oval, taking up all the seats, just to watch Dave Watt, and just the fact that they'd been starved of top sport, all through the war years, and the interest in club cricket was enormous, and all the club cricket was played on football ovals, so there was a bond between the cricket and football clubs, so you had the situation, and this is another of my pet hates, is that now they've got to play either cricket or football. Now you know, people like George Young, Derek Chadwick, Keith Slater, Des Hore, Ron Gaunt, huge numbers had this association with the cricket club because they played on the same oval. And times have changed, and in my opinion, this system of having to have a contract to play AFL football, we've just followed the Americans, why didn't we keep going with the Australian way?

JB: Well that's another interview project. But I think, unless you have anything else to say, I'd like to thank you very much for being involved, Ted.

EW: Well, thanks very much, my pleasure.

JB: Good on you.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Ted Wishart**

Born in Subiaco in 1936, Ted talks of his memories of the suburb of Subiaco during the 1940s. He talks specifically of his grandfather’s barber shop – Wishart’s Barber Shop. His interest in the Subiaco Football Club is the focus of this interview. During the interview Ted goes into great detail about the development of the Subiaco Football Club. He talks of the history of the club, the key players and the direction of the club and the development of **WAFL** and **AFL**. Ted also looks closely at the contribution of Subiaco football and its players to the development of the **AFL**.

The interview was conducted by WJE Bannister in 2008 at 249 Weaponess Road, Wembley Downs 6019

**11.12.2008**

**00:00.00**

Edwin Keith Wishart 1936

Family background –

William Edwin Wishart

Lowis Everline O’Reilly

Barber shop and the Subiaco football club and cricket club

First match between Subiaco and west perth

Hughes footballer

Grandfather’s shop

Subiaco football club loosing – cricket winning

Keith Watt

Ken Cummings

Charlie Puckett

Tom O’Dwire

A Barras

Doug Williams

Tom Sans

Tom Outridge jr

Wonderful days enjoying the sport

Other recollections of Subiaco – catching the tram

Route of the tram – to the oval

Rokeby road on a Saturday children play football

First open air cinema

Regal theatre

**00:06.25**

West’s theatre

Family connection to Subiaco

Wishart's barber shop remembered  
Working at the shop  
Cost of a haircut 1946 vs basic wage  
William Edwin – Scottish connections  
People don't move about as much  
Subiaco and the working class – horror stories of the depression  
Star players move to Melbourne  
Johnny Leonard – south Melbourne win premiership  
The Swans – Sydney Swans – Diggins Captain coach VFL side  
Subiaco and VFL football  
Why Subiaco comes to the for  
East Fremantle powerhouse  
Lou Daily  
The first football match

**00:16.55** Characters in the barber shop

Further memories of the shop  
Businesses in the Subiaco area  
The Regal  
Father and his sister Myrtle get to Perth Modern School  
SP book makers and the job at the bank vs Wesfarmers

**00:24.17** HISTORY OF THE SUBIACO FOOTBALL CLUB

The main league in 1901 – horrendous start  
Joe Scadden premier of WA  
Phil Matson 1910 success – comes in 1912  
Hubba Limb - swimmer  
East Fremantle – Matson brings attention of 12,500 people  
Subiaco wins the game 1912  
1913 – 1915 wins 1916-17-18 vs WWI – no interest in the game  
fierce competitor – tragic death

**00:30.24** Tom Outridge – Johnny Leonard - first Sandover medallists

## Session 2

**00:00.00** Arthur Green – captain coach  
Pemberthy brothers – Diggins  
Subiaco recruiting – Frank Murphy  
1938 – H Bunton Snr – legend  
Len Hardiman – k Shey – team mates in awe of  
The war Fred Williams  
Bill Alderman

***Interruption***

**00:03.20** 1946 -59 finals

Charlie Tyson

L Kettlewell – prowess of in WA

Graham Farmer

Versatile performer

Don Carter – Hawtin

Bunton Jnr

Ross Smith – 1973 breaking the hoodoo

Remembrance of the day – men weeping

Premiership an impossible dream

Austin Robertson – Peter Featherby –

M Fitzpatric - Blakemore – C Williams – Fred Davenport

Breaking the draught

Brian Sar a marvellous fullback

**00:08.13** The early 1980s – Garry Buckenara - 1983

Golden era – happy days once again

1987 the Eagles – Subi players – Green – Lamb

WAFL football changed – Subiaco had the best run

1998 – 2007 – current side

The players – Haynes - Webb – Cossom – Rumble – Newick – Smith

Thorne – Sparks – German 2003 rebuilds the club

4 year reign

Diehards having a wonderful time

**00:14.00** Money in the sport

the money factor and other disappointments

Recruiting young players

Copying the American draft

Parker – Mapleston – Pickett

Subiaco players build up a bond

**00:19.43** passion of watching the suburbs team

Affect on the family – continuing the family tradition

Grass roots football – popularity and support for the club

Going to the WAFL – elder people

Support and violence

Team of the century – criteria for selection

Lamb – Dean Kemp – Frank Murphy – Brian Saare – Daily – Brighton Diggins – Billy Fall – Bunton – Peter Featherby – Greg Williams

G Young – P Matson – Buckenara – Pickett – Jimmy Cracker – Austin Robertson Jnr – Mike Fitzpatrick

– Haden Bunton Snr

Leonard – Laurie Keen – Drew Banfield – Fred Williams – Brett Heady

**00:32.30**

Subi did it differently to any other club  
Player that sticks out – The Lion of the Century ...  
The best Subi footballer - The drop kick  
Malcolm Blight and the Torpedo punt  
Political discussions – new stadium  
Crammed in like sardines  
Misgivings for WAFL  
The younger generation disappearing  
Watching TV – Channel 2

Worries for WAFL

Zone component in the AFL

**00:41.28**

Cricket on the stadium – importance of the game to the suburb  
Dave Watt – the contract system

Queries of system